

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 6, 2016

Members Present: Scottie Ard and Jim Jackson

Members Absent: Jane Hanson

Others Present: Mike Darrow, Noah Wiedenfeld, Jim VanderWyst, Craig Yehlik and Jeanne Bergman

Scottie Ard called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Jim Jackson moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Scottie Ard and carried.

Jim Jackson moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of February 23, 2016, seconded by Scottie Ard and carried.

Bedbug Update

Mike Darrow reported the bedbug problem in New Richmond is a larger issue than one location. He recently met with the Continuing Care Committee to discuss the problem and offered the following suggestions on how to contain it:

- Educate the public (work with Westfield's Hospital, Health and Human Services, New Richmond Police Department, EMS and the Public Transit Service)
- Use enforcement policies (with the use of City ordinances and citations)
- Look at options to treat the problem (diatomaceous, heat, traps and chemical products)
- Work with community outreach programs (include faith based community and stakeholders)
- Map the "hot-bed" areas
- Educate the people who are transmitting the problem

Scottie Ard moved to have Mike Darrow contact Westfield's Hospital and other community organizations, to put together an educational pamphlet, and report back at the City Council work session on April 25th, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

National Night Out

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd and will be combined with the City Utilities picnic. The theme will be the same as last year with the goal being interacting with people by keeping it simple, fun and educational. Community members, organizations, City Council members and staff will be asked to participate. Mike will coordinate the event with the Utility Commission and staff. Scottie will work on advertizing the event and Craig Yehlik will see if the Citizens Academy is interested in participating and look into the possibly of including a mascot.

Loyalty Day Updates

The Loyalty Day parade will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th. There was discussion on the events to take place. Craig expressed interest in including a police vehicle in the parade. Mike will notify the businesses one week prior to the event. A Loyalty Day parade precon meeting is planned for the week of April 24th.

Communications and Miscellaneous

Mike will look into Jim Jackson's suggestion of using POW-MIA and American flags along Knowles Avenue.

Scottie reported the 2018 Wisconsin State Loyalty Day parade will be held in New Richmond.

Discussion took place on alternate parade routes for Loyalty Day and Fun Fest.

Jim Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scottie Ard and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes by Jeanne Bergman